



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10**

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The Honorable Glen Nenema
Chairman, Kalispel Business Council
Kalispel Tribe of Indians
P.O. Box 39
Usk, Washington 99180

Dear Chairman Nenema:

Thank you for your letter dated May 11, 2017, proposing to re-designate the lands within the exterior boundaries of the Kalispel Indian Reservation to a Class I area under the Clean Air Act's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Program.

We have completed an initial review of your proposal and determined that the following items are needed for the EPA to finalize its review:

- We request confirmation that the Tribe is requesting the EPA to effectuate the re-designation by promulgating a revision to the current Federal Implementation Plan for the Kalispel Tribe of Indians codified in 40 C.F.R. Part 49 and that the Tribe is not intending to submit a Tribal Implementation Plan for EPA's approval;
- We understand that the Tribe held a public hearing on April 10, 2017, regarding this proposal and generated a transcript of the hearing. Please confirm that the Tribe has prepared and retained a record of the hearing and provide a copy of the transcript for the EPA's inspection;
- We are in receipt of Taylor S. Fielding's certification that the Tribe held a public hearing regarding the proposal at approximately 5:30 p.m. on April 10, 2017, at the Camas Center for Community Wellness which is located within the exterior boundaries of the Kalispel Indian Reservation. We request that Attorney Fielding, or any other official authorized to represent the Tribe, supplement this certification with a certification that the Tribe complied with all requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 51.102(a) and (d) regarding public hearings.

In addition to the above, two additional items will be helpful as the EPA moves forward on your request:

- Your May 15, 2017, submittal included numerous formal letters the Tribe sent to various federal, state, and tribal entities regarding the proposal and public hearing. We understand that you notified additional governmental entities through less formal means. Please provide copies of notifications, regardless of the medium, to any other federal, state, local, or tribal government entities;
- Your May 15, 2017, proposal mentions that the Tribe provided an opportunity for interested parties to submit written comments regarding the proposal. Please provide copies of any written comments provided to the Tribe by government entities, companies, and others.

Please feel free to contact me directly at (206) 553-1234 with any questions or your staff may contact our Tribal Air Team Lead, Mehrdad Khatibi, at (206) 553-1603 or at khatibi.mehrdad@epa.gov. Please direct any questions from legal counsel to Brett Dugan, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (206) 553-8562. Thank you again for your submission and we look forward to working with you throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle L. Pirzadeh", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle L. Pirzadeh
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Deane Osterman
Executive Director
Kalispel Natural Resources Department